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STRINGENT RULES MADE

Players Under the National Agreement Barred from Twin State League

SALARY LIMIT \$250 EXCLUDING MANAGER

Sixty Games in 11 Weeks Next Year—No Pitchers to Be Signed in Last Two Weeks of Season Except by Consent of President.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, Sept. 29.—At a meeting of the directors of the Twin State league held here yesterday afternoon every one of the six teams of the league was represented and some very important matters were decided for the future, among them that all players under the national agreement shall be barred from playing with teams of the Twin State league, and any team guilty of breaking this rule shall be fined \$100 and suspended until the fine is paid. Secretary J. H. Farrell of the national association was named as the judge regarding a player's eligibility in the league.

It was the lack of a proper rule in this regard that caused so much disagreement in the league this past season and was the occasion for calling of this special meeting, for it was on account of the protest of Greenfield against Northampton playing Pitcher Murray Parker in one of the deciding games that the meeting was held.

This protest was not allowed but all of the teams in the league were censured for violating the rule. It was voted to allow the game set for August 35 to stand as forfeited to BelloWS Falls. This game was to have been played between Northampton and BelloWS Falls, but Northampton refused to play because of the attempt to play Wickware, a colored pitcher, by BelloWS Falls.

No pitchers may be signed up in the last two weeks of the playing season unless the regular pitchers are injured or for some other good cause, and then only on the consent of the president of the league, and no pitcher may be released within those two weeks except by his own consent.

It was voted that the same six teams, Northampton, Keene, Greenfield, BelloWS Falls, Newport, N. H., and Brattleboro make up the league next season and to play 60 games in 11 weeks instead of 50, and to hold the annual meeting the second Sunday in October each year and that all league meetings be held in BelloWS Falls.

It was also voted that no team may be dropped from the league, except for violation of the constitution, without the unanimous consent of the directors.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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Wanted

WANTED—Student nurses at the Melrose hospital. Call or write, Dr. E. R. Lynch, Supt. 178-181

WANTED—Work on private estates by experienced young man. Address T. A. L., care Reformer. 136-147

WANTED—Cider apples at Brattleboro depot Saturday, Oct. 4, 30 cents per hundred. F. L. Wellman. 178-182

WANTED—Work called for on Oct. 14. Will close for four weeks—bunting. C. L. Howe, Jeweler. 172-183

WANTED—2 rooms, 1 front room, furnished and heated, 1 back room, unfurnished, must be lower rent. Address "H," care Reformer office. 178-179

WANTED—Man to care for horses and auto and do general work about the place, man 35 to 50 years of age preferred. Will pay good wages. Dr. Bowen. 174-178

WANTED—A steady, reliable man about 35, with family of two or three girls, for general work about mill and premises. The girls can be employed at good wages weaving on tape looms. Call or address Springfield Webbing Co., 235 Mill St., near Maple, Springfield, Mass. 176-181

WANTED—Middle aged man who is good milker, can take good care of horses, tend the farm and do general chores on small place in the country. Have two horses and two cows. Best of references required. Man who drinks would not be acceptable. Address W. K. H., care The Reformer. 178-179

For Sale

FOR SALE—Cottage-house, six rooms, easy terms. Edgett & Co. 172-173

FOR SALE—Two-tenement house, \$1,700, \$500 down. Edgett & Co. 172-173

FOR SALE—Dry four-foot wood to be delivered. F. Hamilton. Tel. 252. 103-104

FOR SALE—Regal Bay State coal range at half price; 70 Main street. 125-126

of the other five leagues and no teams may be added without unanimous consent of the directors of all the teams. The salary limit was raised to \$250, exclusive of the manager, and any club caught violating this rule is to be fined \$100 and suspended from the league until such time as the fine is paid and the salary list cut down to the limit allowed by the agreement.

The umpires are to be paid \$10 a game next year instead of \$7 as this year; \$12 for double headers and \$3 in the event a game is not played. Postponed or tie games are to be scheduled by the president, instead of by the board of directors as in the past.

It was voted that each club pay \$25 into the general fund instead of \$15 as this year, and the president was authorized to get clerical help to be paid for from the league treasury. The expenses of the league directors for attending meetings are to be paid from the league treasury. It shall be the duty of each club to suppress any gambling upon the grounds.

Articles of agreement have been printed and were distributed to the directors, but so many changes and additions were made thereto that they must be printed again.

Owing to the fact that some of the clubs have held their annual meetings it is not definitely settled whether the annual meeting will be held this year on the second Sunday in October, but in the future it will be held on that date.

Those who attended the meeting were E. M. Keyes of Keene, M. J. Moran and E. L. Breckenridge of Brattleboro, T. E. O'Brien of BelloWS Falls, F. W. Bennett of Northampton, F. R. Murphy of Newport and J. A. Day of Greenfield.

RESTORING ORDER IN FREIGHT YARD

Chaos Caused by Construction Work and Valley Fair Gradually Vanishing—Cars Being Placed.

The yard crews are gradually bringing some order out of the chaos caused by the general condition of the yards and fair week, when any amount of extra cars with animals and materials for the Valley fair had to be handled to the exclusion of everything else excepting the perishable freight.

Owing to the construction work and changes made in the yards conditions are not of the best at this time, and fair week made matters worse than usual there. Within a day or two the cars that were necessarily held back on sidings as far away as Vernon and Putney will be placed in the yard.

LANCASTARIAN LORD MAYOR.

Sir Thomas Van Sittar Bowater First to Gain That Distinction.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Sir Thomas Van Sittar Bowater was today elected lord mayor of London, being the first Lancastarian to attain to that high honor.

During two years 24,000 miles of improved roads were constructed in this country, which is more than all the roads of France.

NEGROS KILL EIGHT PERSONS

Two Drunk-Crazed Youths Shoot Up Town of Harrison, Miss.

ONE MURDERER SHOT, THE OTHER HANGED

Twenty Were Injured by the Bullets, Some Being in a Serious Condition—Troops Sent from Natchez to Prevent Race Rioting.

HARRISTON, Miss., Sept. 29.—Two drug-crazed mulatto boys, brothers, began a reign of murder yesterday morning that ended only after three white men, four Negro men and a Negro woman had been killed, 29 persons wounded, 16 of them Negroes, and the two boys lynched. A serious clash between the races was prevented by the arrival, on a special train, of a company of national guardsmen from Natchez. The trouble started at about 2 a. m. and continued intermittently until 10 a. m., when Walter Jones, the elder of the two boys who started the firing, was lynched just after the soldiers arrived. His brother, Will Jones, had been shot and killed by citizens earlier in the day. Citizens of the town who had barricaded themselves in their homes began cautiously to emerge at 10 o'clock from their hiding places and by noon the town was quiet. No more trouble is feared.

The dead are: Sheriff O. B. Hammett of Jefferson county, white, shot while leading a posse to the place where the Jones brothers were hiding; Constable Frank Keestly, white, shot at his home after being called to the door; Claude Freeman, white, of Fayette, Miss., shot at the railway station while awaiting a train; Johanna Aiken, Tom Weeks, Jesse Thompson and Thred Grayson, Negroes, killed. Thred Grayson was shot in the back of the head while shooting; Teller Warren, Negro, whose body was found later in a hut in the Negro quarter, where Walter Jones first began firing, and who was probably one of the first victims; Walter and Will Jones, Negroes, lynched. The wounded are: Orrin Gillis, former sheriff, white, shot in the shoulder and may die; E. B. Appleby, white, conductor of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad, shot in the breast, leg and arm, in dangerous condition; William McAdams, white, shot in the thigh; William Keestly, white, son of Frank Keestly, shot in the hand; William Dennis, white, shot in the leg; W. C. Bond, white, shot in the leg.

The shooting was started by Walter Jones, 20, in the Negro quarter, where the Negro woman and Thred Grayson were shot and killed. Walter then went to the home of his mother and aroused his 18-year-old brother. Together they proceeded through the main street of the little town, firing at everyone in sight. Citizens, aroused from their slumbers by the shots, peered out of the windows and then hastened to cover, believing they said yesterday, that riots of more serious proportions had broken out.

The two boys, soon after leaving their home, went to the home of former Constable Frank Keestly, and when he responded to their call to come out he was shot through the head by Walter Jones. Keestly's son, William, saw his father fall and reached for a gun, but before he could fire he received a bullet in one of his hands. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley depot is near the Keestly home, and the two Negroes walked in that direction. A train had arrived from Natchez just a few moments before, and Constable E. B. Appleby was standing at the station talking to Flagman W. C. Bond. Without warning the two Negroes fired on them and both fell. Then the Negroes directed their fire at Claude Freeman, who was waiting for a train to take him to his home in Fayette, Miss. He was instantly killed. The Negroes then fired into the train, terrorizing the passengers.

A sleeping car from Natchez is left every night at Harrison until the through train from Memphis to New Orleans arrives. After the train from Natchez had arrived the car was a target for the fire of the two Negroes. While many windows were broken, no occupant of the car was hurt. With the blood lust at the highest pitch, the two Negroes made their way to a cottonseed warehouse near by. It is believed that the boys intended that this wholesale killing should not long continue without opposition and that they determined to make their last stand at the seedhouse.

Frightened citizens by this time had gathered their wits and telephoned Sheriff Hammett at Fayette. Summoning former Sheriff Gillis to accompany him, Hammett started for Harrison on horseback, arriving about 5 o'clock. A small crowd of men were firing into the seedhouse, but no one had ventured to lead the posse to the place. Taking a few men with him, Sheriff Hammett, heavily armed, started toward the seedhouse, whereupon Walter Jones went to the tall grass nearby, and as Hammett approached, the Negro fired, killing him instantly. A shot from the seedhouse brought down Gillis.

By this time the countryside had been aroused and farmers came pouring in from every direction. A general fusillade of shots was directed at the seedhouse. A call was sent to Gov. Brewer for troops. Finding his hiding place too precarious, Will Jones started toward the tall grass nearby, but had gone only a few steps when a bullet ended his life. A rope was placed around the body, it was strung up to a telegraph pole near the station and became a target for everyone not shooting at the seedhouse. Soon after Will Jones was killed Walter Jones was picked up by the troops. A Negro, off the coal chute by his deadly aim. Weeks fell to the ground, dead.

Not long after Weeks was killed the special train bearing the Natchez guardsmen arrived. While the soldiers were detaining the crowd, the seedhouse, not a shot greeted them, and as the leaders went into the place with drawn weapons they found Walter Jones completely unharmed, but not injured. They quickly placed a rope around his neck and rushed him to the seedhouse. As they were rushing up the rope broke and he fell heavily to the ground. Not a word or act of protest came from Jones when a larger rope was drawn around his neck and again he was pulled up. A large crowd looked on as the drug-saturated body was hoisted into the air.

The crowd then went to the home of the Jones Negroes, where they found two Negro men, whom they were about to lynch when officers persuaded them to desist. It is believed that the Jones Negroes had planned details of their housebreaking, and had a plentiful supply of ammunition. Their mother said one of them had remarked that he was going to "shoot up" the town, but she thought he was joking. Whether the two Negroes found at the Jones house had planned the shooting, the Negroes might have had is not known. They were arrested.

HAD BEEN IN ILL HEALTH. Mrs. Mary Fritz, 41, committed suicide in Turners Falls.

Mrs. Mary Fritz, 41, committed suicide Saturday at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Herter, in Turners Falls. She tied a rope around a beam in the attic, slipped a noose over her head and stepped off a trunk.

Mrs. Fritz had been in ill health some time. She had been in Brattleboro several weeks for treatment for nervous trouble, returning home Friday as she had begged to return.

She leaves a husband, three sons, Robert, Russell and Edward; her mother, a brother, John Herter and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Quigley and Mrs. Louis Koch.

ARSON SQUAD BUSY. Destroyed Greens of Golf Links and Left a Confession.

YARMOUTH, England, Sept. 29.—The arson squads of the militant suffragettes were busy again last night, destroying the greens of the municipal golf links here with acids. They left cards reading: "No vote, no sport, no peace, no property safe." The women also left a confession of their responsibility for the fire which on Saturday destroyed over \$175,000 worth of lumber in a yard here. The note said they poured oil on the planks and left a lighted candle to start the blaze.

AT MASONIC TEMPLE. Brattleboro lodge, No. 102, will hold a stated communication Wednesday evening at 7. Work—First and second degrees.

CHURCH PLANS NEW BUILDING

Congregationalists Need More Room for Sunday School and Parish House

EXPENSE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$20,000

Special Meeting Next Week Friday Night, When Stereoscopic Views Will Be Shown—Dining Room of 300 Capacity Contemplated.

Enlarged Sunday school quarters and a parish house combined are among the prospects of the Centre Congregational parish of Brattleboro for the coming year. Plans which are satisfactory to the building committee have been furnished by a prominent New York architect, one of the best in this country in this particular line, and on Friday evening of next week a special meeting of the Brattleboro East society, the ecclesiastical society of the parish, will be held to decide what further shall be done, and, if desired, to take some action toward providing the funds for carrying out the project.

Announcement of this effect was made by Rev. Roy M. Houghton at the morning church service yesterday, which was given up to the rally day exercises of the Sunday school, and this seemed a very appropriate time for making the announcement, as the enlarged quarters are designed primarily to meet the needs of a growing Sunday school, at the same time to provide for the requirements of other departments of the church work.

The cost of carrying out the project according to the architect's plans is estimated by him to be about \$20,000. Rev. Mr. Houghton, who is deeply interested and very enthusiastic over the outlook, said that possibly \$25,000 would be needed. He gave the name of one man, a former resident, who offered to give \$500 as soon as he learned that such a project was contemplated.

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An effort has been made to get an option on land adjoining the church premises, but without success. The committee did not purpose to let a matter of that kind prove to be an obstacle, however, and it was decided to utilize some of the land in front of the vestry, between the church and George H. Clapp's residence, and all plans have been based on that basis.

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On the main floor will be a large Sunday school room and entertainment hall, with a seating capacity of 450. It will be equipped with a stage and will be admirably suited to public lectures. On the second floor will be a fine women's parlor with kitchenette in connection, class room, pastor's study and Brotherhood room, with fireplaces where ad chapel and church will be a dining room and kitchen, the dining room having a seating capacity of 300 at one time. Three sides of the chapel basement are above ground, so the new dining room pairs.

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FIRED VOLLEY AFTER VOLLEY

Battle Between Police and Escaped Murderer in Wilmington, Del.

KILLED HIMSELF WITH LAST BULLET

Wiggins Was Only 18 Years Old and Escaped from Prison in Philadelphia—Policeman Scott, with Bullet Near Heart, May Die.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 29.—Realizing that further resistance was useless, after exhausting his supply of ammunition in a battle with 10 policemen who surrounded him in a lodging house this morning, Homer Cleveland Wiggins, murderer of a Philadelphia policeman, who escaped from the penitentiary in that city August 20, sent the one remaining bullet in his revolver through his brain, dying almost instantly.

Policeman Sewall Scott, who was shot over the heart by Wiggins before he committed suicide, may die. Wiggins was located shortly before midnight by Policeman Davidson, who found the fugitive barricaded in a room. Other officers were summoned and when they arrived Wiggins began firing from a window. The policeman stationed themselves in adjoining rooms and in doorways, and trolley cars were held up while volley after volley was fired at the convict. When ever any member of the attacking party came into view Wiggins returned the shots.

After an hour's fusillade the report of a muffled shot reached the policemen and on investigating they found Wiggins dead. In a note directed to his mother he stated that he would take his own life.

Wiggins was only 18 years old and was serving a sentence of 20 years when he escaped.

ROUILLARD'S CAR PERFORMED STUNT Circled Telephone Pole, Ran Into Bank Building and Then Proceeded With No Harm Done.

Waldo Rouillard of North Hinsdale, N. H., was driving his runabout on Elliot street to Main street this morning when he met a trolley car coming up Main street hill. In trying to make a sharp turn his machine began to skid, encircling the telephone pole at the corner of Main and Elliot streets and running separately into the Peoples bank building. To the astonishment of spectators Mr. Rouillard did not even get out to see if he had broken anything, but promptly threw into the reverse, backed into the street and continued his homeward journey. No harm done, gentlemen," he remarked to those who had watched the proceedings.

Wednesday at The Princess. Mrs. Fiske in Tess of the D'Urbervilles, in four parts, produced by The Famous Players Co.

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